(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Universities set up by Acts of the State Legislatures have to be declared fit by the UGC, in terms of the Rules framed under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, to receive grants from the Central Government, the UGC or any other organisation receiving funds from the Central Government. According to the information furnished by UGC, a request was received by the Commission from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in December, 1986, for providing financial assistance to the University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada. However, funds have not been provided as the Rules framed by UGC for declaring medical universities fit for necessary Central assistance have not been finalised by the Commission.

**Production and Export of Cashew Nuts**

@527. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of cashew nuts in India during the last three years;

(b) what is the domestic demand per annum during the same period; and

(c) what is the quantity of cashew nuts allowed to be exported during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) As per rough estimates available the total production of cashew nuts in India during the last three years is given below :—

| | Last three years (tonnes) |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 2.86 |
| 1990-91 | 2.95 |
| 1991-92 | 3.05 |

(b) The total demand of raw cashew nuts in India is roughly 6 lakh tonnes per annum.

(c) The quantity of cashew kernels exported during the last three years is given below :—

| | Quantity (tonnes) |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 45,807 |
| 1990-91 | 49,812 |
| 1991-92 | 64,692 |

**Horticultural Economy of Himachal Pradesh**

528. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the horticultural economy of Himachal Pradesh has been excluded from the purview of the Agricultural Policy Resolution approved at Chief Minister's Conference held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the policy resolution and incorporate the horticulture economy of Himachal Pradesh in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c):

@Previously Unstarred Question 34, transferred from 26th April, 1993.